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SUBJECT: TSS R&D Program
Amendment FY 1956

PRC No. DD/P-187-56

PURPOSE:

To increase funds available for the TSS Research and Development program principally for the activation of new projects and also for the extension of existing projects.

BACKGROUND:

The current authorization for the TSS R&D program for FY '56 amounts to [REDACTED] and these funds have been allocated to existing projects. The tempo of the program is such that it is now possible to activate a considerable number of additional new projects. These include cases where present work has progressed to the point where subsequent phases now appear desirable as well as projects which are totally new or which are the result of recent operational demands. For this purpose, TSS has requested an additional [REDACTED] making a total of [REDACTED] of FY '56 funds for the R&D program. Funds covering the increase are not presently available within the DD/P.

PROPOSAL:

It is proposed that approval be given to an increase of [REDACTED] in the TSS FY '56 R&D program, thereby increasing it to a total of [REDACTED] (Subject to the availability of funds).

ACTION:

At the request of the DD/P, this action is effected by lateral vote without a formal meeting of the Project Review Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the DCI approve the increase of [REDACTED] in the TSS FY '56 budget for R&D.

CONCUR:

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SIGNED [REDACTED]
Chairman, PRC Apr 30 1956

SIGNED [REDACTED]
for Deputy Director (Plans)

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SIGNED C. P. Cabell 1 May 1956
 Deputy Director of Central
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 for Deputy Director (Intelligence)

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SIGNED Lyman Kirkpatrick
 Inspector General

SIGNED * H. Gates Lloyd
 Asst. Deputy Director (Support)

Approved, subject to availability of FY 1956 funds within DD/P and subsequent specific approval by DD/P of each release of funds under this Supplemental request.

APPROVED:

SIGNED A. W. DULLES
 Director of Central Intelligence

7 MAY 1956

*Based on information available to me, I cannot evaluate the R&D Program of the Technical Services Staff so as to have an intelligent opinion as to the advisability of increasing its magnitude from [REDACTED] budgeted in FY 1956 to a total of [REDACTED]. It should also be noted that if the R&D Program is to be continued at this same level in FY 1957, it will be necessary to find [REDACTED] from other sources inasmuch as the 1957 Budget contains a request for only [REDACTED]. In any case, since funds are not currently available from the DD/P budget, approval of this increase does not appear to be in order unless the Office of the DD/P is presently willing to earmark for this expansion funds now allocated to other programs or projects. These funds could be restored to their original programs toward the close of the fiscal year if there is an over-all saving, but to legally obligate funds R&D contracts should be executed during the next six weeks in order to avoid the very definite risk of not being able to consummate the obligation at the last minute.

/S/ H.G.L.

(2) See cover memo attached dated 16 April 56.

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